(c) by when the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Sir, as on 15-5-90 number of telephone connections which have not yet been transferred to Electronic Exchange in Delhi Gate Group of exchange is 7877.

(b) and(c) These 7877 numbers are from strowger exchange code '26' which is scheduled to be replaced during December, 1990.

Deteriorating Telephone Service in Capital

1491. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that with the start of the summer the telephone service has started deteriorating in the Capital ; if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter ; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the functioning of Fault Repair Service is most unsatisfactory; if so what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Increasing the frequency of DTC buses

1492. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the frequency of DTC buses on route Nos. 280 and 281 running between Kendriya Terminal-Nand Nagri/Dilshad Garden consequent upon the opening of GTB Hospital and settlement of large population in GTB Enclave and Dilshad Garden colonies of DDA;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce new routes from GTB Hospital to various important areas of the city viz. Kendriya Terminal, New Delhi Railway Station, Connaught Place, etc. to mitigate the sufferings of the commuters to the Hospital ;

(c) whether Government propose to run the route No. 265 running between Kendriya Terminal - Indira Puri *Via* GTB Hospital; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Route No. 280 and 281 are running between Kendriya Terminal and Nand Nagri with a frequency of 20/40 minutes and 24/48 minutes respectively. The present level of these services have been found adequate to meet the traffic requirements of the commuters on these routes. There is no proposal to increase the frequency.

(b) GTB Hospital is already served by route Nos. 24, 31, 239, 251, 252, 252-Shuttle, 280, 357 and 333 connecting various parts of the city. No new route has been proposed.

(c) and (d) Route No. 280 is already connecting GTB Hospital with Kendriya Terminal. Therefore, it is considered not necessary to divert the services of route No. 265 *via* GTB Hospital.

Salary to Delhi Fire Service Employees

1493. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the firemen employed